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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACCRA 3141

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH
SUBJ: MEETING OF THE FOUR MAJOR ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST
LEADERS IN GHANA

REF: LUSAKA 1131

1. WE NOW HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES OF THE
FORTHCOMING MEETING IN ACCRA OF ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST
LEADERS (REFTEL). COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FELLIS IS STILL VISITING THE IVORY COAST BUT IS EXPECTED
TO RETURN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30. BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSIONER HAS BASICALLY SAME INFORMATION CONTAINED
REFTEL AND HAS SUGGESTED TO LONDON THAT IF FCO WISHES
TO FEED CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG CERTAIN INFORMATION TO USE
IN THE MEETING, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE INFORMATION
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TO HIM.

2. GHANAIS ARE PLAYING THIS ONE VERY CLOSE TO
THEIR CHESTS, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THE
MEETING IN THE PRESS. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT SURFACES,
NEITHER BRITISH HICOMER NOR I INTEND TO RAISE IT
WITH GHANAIS. WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO

DEVELOP OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING.

3. AT THIS POINT, WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE MEETING OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IT IS AT LEAST POSSIBLE THAT CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG MAY BE HANDLING THIS ONE PERSONALLY. ACHEAMPONG, COMMISSSIONER FELLI AND OTHER SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO ME ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS THEIR DISTRESS AT THE LACK OF UNITY AMONG THE FOUR MAJOR NATIONALIST GROUPS. THE GHANAINS HAVE BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL TO THE BRITISH ON ZIMBABWE IN THE PAST, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GHANAIAAN EFFORT IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN ATTEMPT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF UNITY AND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE NATIONALIST LEADERS. IT ALSO OFFERS ACHEAMPONG, OF COURSE, ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BURNISH HIS AFRICAN IMAGE.
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